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SUBJECT: ST. KITTS REVIEW FOR SUSPENSION OF TITLE III OF THE LIBERTAD ACT

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Classified By: PolOff Arend Zwartjes for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) The five questions in reftel are answered below, in a Q and A format:

Investments

Q1 - What is the nature of investments (and names, if known) that host country businesses have in Cuba?

A1 - There are no St. Kitts businesses known to have investments in Cuba.

Trade Agreements

- Q2 Are there any bilateral trade agreements between host country and Cuba?
- A2 Yes. St. Kitts and Nevis has active bilateral tax and investment treaties with Cuba. In addition, CARICOM has a trade agreement with Cuba that St. Kitts and Nevis has ratified.

Exchange Programs _____

- Q3 Are there any exchange programs between host country and Cuba, including but not limited to: scholarships for host country nationals to study in Cuba; Cuban-paid medical travel for host country nationals; and Cuban doctors working in host country?
- A3 Yes. St. Kitts and Nevis is the recipient of Cuban scholarships and Cuban-paid medical travel for St. Kitts and Nevis nationals in need of eye surgery. There is no wide-scale program to utilize Cuban doctors in the local health care system.

Democracy and Human Rights -----

- ${\tt Q4}$ ${\tt Has}$ the host country, in Post's opinion, worked to promote the advancement of democracy and human rights in Cuba?
- ${\rm Q4}$ No. St. Kitts and Nevis has done nothing to advance democracy and human rights in Cuba.

High-Level Visits

 ${\tt Q5}$ - ${\tt Have}$ there been any high-level diplomatic visits between Cuba and host country in the past six months?

A5 - Prime Minister Denzil Douglas led a six-man delegation to Cuba in March 2007. HOWARD